

DIAA State Wrestling Committee Meeting Minutes

Smyrna High School Conference Room

DATE: February 17, 2019 Meeting convened at: 9:00 a

Present: Ron Eby, John Groom, Jeff Hewes, Vic Leonard, Steve Lex, Buddy Lloyd [Chair], Chris Mattioni, Russ Neal, Tom Neubauer, Peter Parlett, Reese Rigby, John Rusnak, Bill Shedaker, Shawn Tidwell.

Absent: Joe Archangelo, Joey Lobozzo, John Rigby, Robert Watson.

Invited Guests: Clay Lloyd, Jody Wilson.

The meeting opened with a review of all the handouts and paper work that was in a packet distributed to each Committee member.

A motion was made and seconded, [Leonard/Mattioni] that the Committee invite Jody Wilson and Clay Lloyd to participate due to their unique expertise with the Track Wrestling Program that is essential to the Committee seeding the tournament. Passed 14-0

Vic Leonard noted the level of forfeiture in the recent qualifying tournaments and questioned what might be done to maintain programs that are on the verge of disappearing. Committee will address at the post-tournament meeting.

Jeff Hewes requested that the Committee members review the DIAA seeding criteria before the seeding began, using the printed copies that were distributed. The Committee did so and then engaged in a long discussion on how to break a 3-way tie when a single criteria does not apply to each possible pairing of the three wrestlers involved. A motion was made by Chris Mattioni to apply to each pairing of the criteria in the following order: 1. Head-to-head results. 2. Results against common opponents 3. Strength of schedule 4. Points assigned by Trackwrestling based on the criteria that was voted in last year. This motion was discussed but did not gain a second.

Discussion continued in an effort to seed the first weight class and to break an impasse on which criteria would be applied and in what order. The Committee concluded to stay with the criteria established and set out on the handout Jeff Hewes asked to be reviewed previously. The first weight class seeding was finalized at 10:35am.

Each successive weight class was seeded to 20 positions, with the first 16 comprising the Tournament brackets [field] and the remaining four being listed in order as alternates.

The seeding process was greatly aided by the use of the Track Wrestling system and the help of Clay Lloyd and Jody Wilson. They were able to project onto a wall visible to all of us, the individual results of any pair of wrestlers the Committee was trying to seed. The process moved along much more rapidly, and all 14 weight classes were seeded by 3:54pm.

Buddy Lloyd went over some final details and responsibilities each Committee Member had during the tournament.

Motion to adjourn by Neal, seconded by Rusnak motion passed 13-0. 4:14pm.